



DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

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MEMORANDUM

October 1, 2014

TO: Rising Star Middle School Basketball Teams
Coaches/Managers

FROM: Kristofor Sewer
League Director

SUBJECT: Winter 2014-2015 League Information

LEAGUES

5th Grade Boys	Course #:	391965
6th Grade Boys	Course #:	391966
7th Grade Boys	Course #:	391967
8th Grade Boys	Course #:	391968
5th Grade Girls	Course #:	391969
6th Grade Girls	Course #:	391970
7th Grade Girls	Course #:	391971
8th Grade Girls	Course #:	391972
<i>Rising Star Practice</i>	Course #:	399705

Each Rising Star League will attempt to have multiple divisions (divided by playing ability) depending on the number of teams that register. The League is based on grade level (if a team has 7th and 8th graders, then the team must play in the 8th grade). Please indicate on your team registration form the grade level of your team, boys or girls, and the division level that you would prefer to play in (A, B, or C). The League Director reserves the right to place a team in the appropriate division.

Examples of Division Levels - A AAU team, CYO highest level, top 4 tournament
B team comprised of players from multiple schools, usually tryouts involved
C teams comprised of players from one school, usually no tryouts, recreation team moving up

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REGISTRATION

*Montgomery County has changed the registration method for all of our youth basketball leagues. Team registration forms are not required. An individual registration form, which is signed by the parent/ guardian must be completed for each participant. All individual registration forms and full payment must be in the Montgomery County Department of Recreation's Registrar's Office no later than **Friday, December 5, 2014**. MCR strongly encourages online registration. The following items are required:

Individual Registration Form – all pertinent information should be filled out on this form including detailed information on the main contact and a phone number and e-mail address for a guardian and 2nd adult. The form must also list the coach's name and/ or team name. A parent/ guardian signature is required. Any deviation from the registration procedure may delay entry into our database and delay the receipt of the coach's packet. You can also use the form to pay the league fee by credit card (Visa or Master Card). The registration forms must be in the league office before the player can participate in a league game.

After MCR receives your team's individual registration forms, the coach/ manager will be emailed the following documents to complete the registration process:

- a. Roster – please fill out this roster completely and return to the Sports Office before the first game. Additions and/or deletions can be made to this roster before the 3rd league game. Please do not submit photocopies of last year's roster.
- b. Practice Request Form – practice request forms must be completed by teams that are unable to acquire practice time through their own means. Due to the lack of availability of practice locations, practice time will be granted on a half court basis. If we are able to provide a full court practice, we will accommodate.
- c. Special Request Form – game scheduling requests must be submitted on this form by email. All requests will be considered. However, there is no guarantee that special requests will be granted.
- d. Standards for Spectator Behavior – both parents and/or guardians must carefully read this information and sign on the bottom of the document. The form must be in the league office before the player can participate in a league game.

FEES

Each player must be registered individually and must request the team and coach they will play for. The Coach/ Manager must submit a roster to the League Director. This will help us track the registration for each team. Each form must be completed in its entirety. The fees per player are as follows:

\$100.00 per player – Montgomery County residents.

\$115.00 per player – Non-County residents.

The fee includes two (2) IAABO officials per game, staff, facilities for games, awards, and equipment.

Each team must provide their own uniforms and practice time if possible.**

\$125.00 per team – Montgomery County team who needs practice time.

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****For teams who cannot secure any time for practice** – the Recreation Department will supply 1 hour of practice time per week, if available, beginning the week of December 1st. If you qualify for practice time, please e-mail, fax or deliver to our office a request that includes first and second choice of location or area, day of the week and time. We will call you with an assigned time when gyms are available (league fee + \$125 per team).

LEAGUE RULES & ELIGIBILITY

League Rules will be emailed with additional registration information after the Registrar's office has received the team registration card. 4th graders are permitted to participate in the 5th grade Rising Star League. 3rd graders or below are not eligible.

GAMES

Each team is guaranteed to play ten (10) games within 8 weeks, plus all teams will participate in the playoffs. The playoffs will be single elimination, seeded by the regular season record.

Games will be held primarily on Sunday afternoons at County high school gyms. There will be a limited number of games at night on Saturday and Sunday.

Games will begin the weekend of January 3rd & 4th, 2014

SCHEDULE CONSIDERATIONS

All schedule considerations must be submitted, in writing (Game special request form) by e-mail to the Recreation Department by **Monday, December 5, 2014**. Schedule considerations will not be accommodated after this date with the exception of make-ups due to inclement weather.

HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

TBD pending on feedback from coach's survey.

LEAGUE MEETING

There will be a coaches/managers meeting on **Monday, December 22, 2014, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Recreation Department Main Office theatre** (4010 Randolph Road, Silver Spring, MD. 20902). All schedules and league information will be distributed at this time. Each team must be represented at this meeting.

Directions to Recreation Department Main Office Building: From Rte 355, turn East onto Rte 28 (Veirs Mill Rd) follow Veirs Mill to Randolph Rd, approx. 2 1/2 miles, then turn left at the light onto Randolph Road. Go to the first light, Colie Drive and turn right directly into the parking lot.

COACH'S BACKGROUND CHECK

Montgomery County has been mandated that all head coach's of any youth sports team must go through a background check which includes fingerprinting. If you have had a background check within the past six months

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all that is needed is a form filled out and the transaction number of the check. If you have previously gone through a background check with the Recreation Department, then this requirement has been met. A background check from another organization beyond six months will not suffice. This information is not shared through any other organization or agency.

Tuesday, November 18th from 5-7pm is the designated date for fingerprinting. Fingerprinting appointments can be scheduled for that date by contacting Kristofor Sewer at 240-777-6912. Your appointment request will be forwarded to Rosemarie Mantua. A valid government issued photo ID is required at the time of fingerprinting.

Registration Form and Payment can be mailed to:
Montgomery County Department of Recreation
Registrar's Office
4010 Randolph Road
Silver Spring, MD 20902

or faxed to 240-777-6818

Thank you for taking an interest in the 2014 Rising Star Middle School Basketball League. Please do not hesitate to contact Kristofor Sewer at 240-777-6912, if you have any further questions concerning the league.

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